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1. HERewith FULL TEXT NEW YORK TIMES FRONT PAGE BERNARD GWERTZMAN BY-LINER TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, HEADED "U.S. AND PAKISTAN TRY TO AVOID SPLIT ON NUCLEAR PLANT."

2. TEHERAN, IRAN, AUG. 9 -- SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER SAID TODAY THAT THE UNITED STATES AND PAKISTAN HAD AGREED TO SEEK A COMPROMISE THAT WOULD PREVENT A CONFRONTATION OVER PAKISTANI PLANS TO BUILD A FRENCH-DESIGNED PLANT TO REPROCESS NUCLEAR FUEL.

3. IN AN AIRPORT NEWS CONFERENCE AT LAHORE SHORTLY BEFORE LEAVING PAKISTAN, MR. KISSINGER SAID THAT AFTER SEVERAL HOURS OF TALKS PRIME MINISTER ZULFIKAR ALI BHUTTO HAD CONSENTED TO WORK ON A FORMULA THAT WOULD INSURE THAT PAKISTAN WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO DIVERT NUCLEAR MATERIAL INTO EXPLOSIVES.

4. EN ROUTE TO TEHERAN FOR A REFUELING STOP BEFORE GOING ON TO DEAUVILLE, FRANCE, REPORTERS ON THE KISSINGER PLANE
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WERE TOLD AGAIN THAT UNLESS PAKISTAN AGREED TO A SUITABLE

COMPROMISE, THE UNITED STATES WOULD NOT SELL IT THE A-7
CORSAIR JET FIGHTER-BOMBERS IT IS SEEKING. FURTHER,

PAKISTAN WOULD RUN THE RISK OF LOSING AMERICAN ECONOMIC
AID.

5. CONCERNED ABOUT A MILITARY THREAT FROM INDIA, THE
PAKISTANIS ARE URGENTLY SEEKING TO BUY ABOUT A HUNDRED
A-7'S FOR MORE THAN 500 MILLION DOLLARS.

6. MR. KISSINGER WAS RELUCTANT TO GO INTO DETAILS OF THE
POSSIBLE COMPROMISE, BUT HE DID SAY AT THE NEWS CONFERENCE
THAT ONE APPROACH WOULD BE FOR THE PAKISTANIS AND THE
FRENCH TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT SIMILAR TO ONE CLOSE TO CONCLU-
SION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND IRAN. UNDER IT THE
UNITED STATES WOULD IN EFFECT HAVE A VETO OVER IRANIAN
ACTIONS IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD TO INSURE THAT NUCLEAR MATERIAL
COULD NOT BE CONVERTED INTO EXPLOSIVES FOR WEAPONS.

7. REPORTERS ON THE PLANE WERE TOLD THAT FURTHER DISCUS-
SIONS WOULD HAVE TO BE HELD WITH THE FRENCH TO SEE IF THIS
WAS FEASIBLE. THE PAKISTANIS HAVE AGREED TO BUY THE REPRO-
CESSING PLANT FROM FRANCE AS PART OF A NUCLEAR-POWER PACK-
AGE THAT WOULD INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF 24 REACTORS
AROUND THE COUNTRY.

8. ALTHOUGH MR. KISSINGER, WITH MR. BHUTTO SITTING NEARBY
IN THE AIRPORT LOUNGE, TRIED TO AVOID ANY SIGN OF A CRISIS,
THE ISSUE HAS BECOME A MAJOR ONE IN UNITED STATES-PAKISTANI
RELATIONS.

9. THE PAKISTANIS, EVEN IF THEY BUILT THE REPROCESSING
PLANT, WHICH WOULD HAVE INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS WASHINGTON
FINDS INADEQUATE, COULD NOT PRODUCE MATERIAL FOR WEAPONS
FOR 10 YEARS, AMERICAN OFFICIALS BELIEVE.

10. THROUGHOUT THE MORNING IT WAS RAINING IN LAHORE, WHERE
FLOODS HAVE CAUSED CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE. MR. KISSINGER
ANNOUNCED THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS GIVING PAKISTAN
200,000 TONS OF WHEAT IN EMERGENCY AID.
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11. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING, TAGGED "SPECIAL TO THE NEW
YORK TIMES, PARIS, AUG. 9-- THE FOREIGN MINISTRY CALLED
IN THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY HERE TODAY TO EXPRESS SURPRISE
AND DISPLEASURE AT AMERICAN EFFORTS TO BLOCK THE SALE OF A
URANIUM REPROCESSING PLANT TO PAKISTAN, AN EMBASSY SPOKES-
MAN SAID.

12. SAM GAMMON, CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, WAS SUMMONED TO BE TOLD THAT FRANCE INTENDED TO GO AHEAD WITH THE DEAL.

13. THE FRENCH WERE PARTICULARLY ANNOYED THAT SECRETARY OF

STATE KISSINGER MADE A PUBLIC THREAT TO CUT OFF AMERICAN AID TO PAKISTAN IF THE SALE WENT THROUGH -- A MOVE CAUSING DOMESTIC POLITICAL EMBARRASSMENT TO THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT SINCE IT WAS BELIEVED HERE TO PROVIDE DOMESTIC POLITICAL ADVANTAGE TO THE FORD ADMINISTRATION.

14. THE FRENCH MADE SIMILAR STATEMENTS WHEN THE UNITED STATES PROTESTED A SALE TO SOUTH KOREA. BUT IN THAT CASE, OFFICIALS NOTED THE GOVERNMENT HAD DEVELOPED SOME DOUBTS OF ITS OWN AND WAS NOT DISAPPOINTED WHEN SEOUL SUCCUMBED &-AMER(BAN DEMANDS THT THE TO AMERICAN DEMANDS THAT THE SALE BE CANCELED.

15. THE GOVERNMENT ALSO ISSUED A STATEMENT SAYING THAT IT HAD COMPLETELY AND SCRUPULOUSLY OBSERVED ALL INTERNATIONAL RULES IN AGREEING TO SELL THE PLANT TO PAKISTAN.

16. A FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN SAID THE DEAL HAD BEEN FOLLOWED BY AN ACCORD BETWEEN FRANCE, PAKISTAN AND THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY IN VIENNA, SIGNED MARCH 18, AND THAT THE UNITED STATES DELEGATE ON THE AGENCY BOARD OF GOVERNORS JOINED IN ENDORSING IT. IT PROVIDES FOR AGENCY SUPERVISION AND CONTROLS TO MAKE SURE THE PLANT SERVES ONLY PEACEFUL PURPOSES. END TEXT. ROBINSON

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